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1. INFORMAL MEETING OF SOME MISSIONS TO DISCUSS ISVS
ELECTIONS AND BUDGET WHICH MENTIONED REFTEL HELD SEPTEMBER 12
ATTENDED BY REPS OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,
FRANCE, ISRAEL, SWITZERLAND, NETHERLANDS, DENMARK AND
US BELOW IS SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN (VON STEMPEL OF FRG) STATED HE VISITED BY SYG
ZOLLNER THAT MORNING WHO INCICATED HE (ZOLLNER) BELIEVED
POSITION OF DEPUTY SEC-GEN OF ISVS IS REDUNDANT NOW IN VIEW
SYG PLANS TAKE FEWER TRIPS, HIS MASTERY OF ISVS ADMINISTRATION,
AND COST TO ISVS OF MAINTAINING POSITION.

3. VON STEMPEL STATED AS REP OF FRG THAT PRESENT DEPUTY
SYG INCUMBENT REINHOLD TOLD HIM POST NOT NECESSARY AND ITS
COST REPRESENTS DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE (ONE THIRD) OF ISVS
BUDGET. FRG BELIEVES POSITION NOT JUSTIFIABLE FINANCIALLY AND
THAT FRG HAS NO CANDIDATE IF HE WOULD HAVE TO BE SECONDED BY SENDING
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GOVERNMENT. FRG HAS NO INTENTION INCREASE CONTRIBUTION

BEYOND CURRENT LEVEL. READY TO ACCEPT ZOLLNER AS SYG FOR
ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS.

4. FRENCH AMBASSADOR (AT WHOSE INSTANCE MEETING HELD) SAID
FRENCH SURPRISED AT SYG IDEA OF LEAVING HIS DEPUTY'S POSITION
VACANT AFTER REINHOLD DEPARTURE IN OCTOBER. IF POSITION NOT
FILLED, FRENCH WANT KNOW HOW ORGANIZATION WILL BE STAFFED.
SPECIFICALLY, WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
AND WHO WILL BE ACTING SYG DURING SYG ABSENCES ON TRIPS WHICH,
IN FRENCH VIEW, STILL LIKELY BE FAIRLY FREQUENT. FRENCH HAVE
NO OBJECTIONS REELECTION ZOLLNER WHO HAS HIGH IDEALISM AND
DIPLOMATIC SKILLS. NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT FRENCH CONTRIBUTION AT
THIS TIME, BUT WHETHER FRENCH CAN INCREASE A LITTLE DEPENDS UPON
PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL NEXT MONTH BY SYG. FRENCH
POSITION RE ELECTION DEPUTY SYG OPEN AND DEPENDENT UPON WHETHER
SOLID DIRECTOR OF ADMIN. AND FINANCE NAMED. FRENCH VIEW POSSIBLE
SIVS/UNV MERGER WITH DOUBT, BELIEVE TWO ORGANIZATIONS
PROVIDE A NECESSARY BALANCE.

5. DUTCH REP STATED ONLY HIS GOVT HAS NO CANDIDATE FOR
DEPUTY SYG POSITION.

6. ISRAELI REP (MALAMED) REPORTED ZOLLNER HAD VISITED HIM
ALSO AND MADE SAME PRESENTATION OF VIEWS AS MADE TO FRG
MISSION. ISRAELI REP SAID IN PERSONAL VIEW POST OF DEPUTY
SYG PROVED ITSELF INDISPENSABLE IN PAST TWO YEARS AND PROVIDES
NECESSARY BALANCE AGAINST SYG. ISRAEL WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE
ZOLLNER REELECTED. EXPECTS ISRAELI CONTRIBUTION REMAIN AT
PRESENT LEVEL. NO OBJECTION TO FILLING OF DEPUTY SYG POST BY
SECONDMENT.

7. SWISS REP ECHOED APPROVAL OF ZOLLNER REELECTION AND STATED
SWITZERLAND HAS NO CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY SYG POST. WOULD HAVE
NO OBJECTION TO POST BEING FILLED THROUGH SECONDMENT.

8. US REP SAID US VIEWS THESE SUBJECTS NOT YET FIRM BUT
HAS NO ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY SYG POST. US
CONTRIBUTION FOR NEXT YEAR LIKELY BE CUT SOMEWHAT DUE CUTS IN PEACE
CORPS BUDGET. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, US REP ADMITTED US
CONSIDERING SOME FORM OF CLOSER COLLABORATION BETWEEN ISVS
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AND UNV BUT SAID MEANS AND TIMING NOT YET SETTLED. POSITION
WILL BE CLEARER BY TIME OF OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING.

9. DANISH REP SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND COULD
NOT COMMENT ON ANY QUESTIONS.

10. AT REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN, FRANCH AMBASSADOR AGREED RELAY
TO SYG VIEWS OF SOME REPS RE QUESTION OF NON-REPLACEMENT

OF DEPUTY SYG AND PARTICULARLY NEED FOR SYG TO PRESENT
ACCEPTABLE REORGANIZATION PLAN IN SUCH CASE. BASSIN

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